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AND SYNTHETIC RUBBER)
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Examiner's rejection of priority documents for the above-identified application. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from December 3, 2004 to January 3, 2005, as well as a check in the amount of \$60.00 as the fee for such extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Note that, as per a conversation with the Examiner on December 21, 2004, in addition to the request herein to amend the paragraph claiming the benefit of related applications, a corresponding Application Data Sheet is also being provided having the same priorities as identified in the amendment to the specification requested herein.

With the exception of the fee for the extension of time, it is believed that no additional fees are due. In particular, it is believed that no fees are due for amending the paragraph claiming the benefit of prior applications since no additional priorities are being claimed.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: